GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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SETTING UP OF MINORITY COMMISSIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEES
Thakkar Smt. Jayaben B.

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) had decided to set up Minority Commissions/Advisory Committees in States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the name of States who have adhered to and formed Minority Commission/Advisory Groups in their respective States;

(c) the name of States not accepted the above suggestion/proposal of forming Minority Commissions/Advisory Groups in their States and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/to be taken by the NCM in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) (b) & (c): The Government of India, based upon the recommendation made by the National Commission of Minorities in its Annual Report for the Year 1996-97 advised the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations on 30th May, 2003 to set up the State Level Minority Commissions. The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Delhi, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and West Bengal have set up the State Minorities Commissions. The remaining States have not set up State commissions.

(d) : The matter of setting up State Minorities Commissions falls within the jurisdiction of the State Governments. The National Commission for Minorities, however, is persistently following up the matter with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.